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The Honorable Charles Grassley United States Senate 135 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse United States Senate 530 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

## **RE: SARMs Control Act of 2019**

Dear Senator Grassley and Senator Whitehouse:

On behalf of the major trade associations of the dietary supplement industry, we are writing to express our collective support and appreciation for your introduction of the Selective Androgen Receptor Modulator Control Act of 2019. This legislation builds on the success of your Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act by enhancing the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) authority to protect consumers by removing illegal SARMs substances from the market.

The SARMs Control Act empowers DEA to identify, address and remove from marketing products containing SARMs ingredients which are "substantially similar" to illegal steroid substances that are being falsely promoted to have "muscle growth or other testosterone-like effects." Each of our organizations has consistently supported efforts to enact and enforce laws to protect consumers, eliminate bad actors marketing illegal substances masquerading as legal products, and prosecute criminals who manufacture and sell them. Your bill will help move toward this goal.

It is our hope that the Senate Judiciary Committee will give this legislation expedient approval. We are eager to work with your offices to ensure that all of your colleagues in Congress understand the concerns that have led to this legislative introduction. The SARMs Control Act is a bold step, adding teeth to prevention and enforcement efforts in the battle against illegal substances being marketed as legitimate products.

The dietary supplement industry and USADA stands ready to work with you and all of Congress to deliver a strong bill to the President.

Sincerely,

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